

Baltimore Oct 10th 1862

Dear Father

I recd your
very kind letter yesterday and
was very glad to hear ~~from~~
that you were all well.

I am here at the Hospital
yet I dont know how long I shall
have to stay but I guess not
any longer than the first
of next week. our company
expects to go out into the
country in a few days to
for the purpose of enforcing
the Draft they seem to
rather backward about
it they dont want

to be drafted. the
Capt says he thinks it
is off towards Washing-
ton there is one company
of our Regt down there now

Yesterday was Election in
the City for Mayor

I believe Chapman was
elected on the Union
ticket. last night just
at dusk there was a
man killed ^{about} 20 rods from
the Hospital near the
Market place by a sling
shot. another was killed
by the ~~car~~ cars but a short
distance from here

I was up to camp yesterday
the boys are all well but
Perry he has the ague
There is ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~but~~ about
500 men left in camp

the remainder of them
are doing quarrel duty
here in the City. I think
that this will be our
winter quarters. our cool
is related to Gen Wool
^{is} the reason ~~and~~ why I think
we shall stay here
We get rather hard fare
here at the Hospital
if I knew that was going
to stay here a great while
I should want you to
send me some thing to
eat. but as long as my
money lasts I can buy
milk. I have it ^{twice} ~~times~~ a
day. the boys that are in
camp get all they want
to eat "and more too"
It is most time for the
mail to close and so I

to stop writing Give my
love to all and write soon
telle Ellen that - that - she will
tor her in a few days

Yours for our Country

J. H. Prout